CONSTITUTION

OF

HUSLIA I.R.A. COUNCIL

PREAMBLE

BE IT KNOWN, that we, a group of Alaskan Native residents of the State of Alaska, and citizens of the United States, constitute the Native community of Huslia, Alaska. By this declaration we assert our freedom as a sovereign people in a dependent association with the United States of America. As such, we ordain and institute this constitution to promote our community's social, economic and political progress by authority of the Indian Reorganization Act, an Act of the United States Congress of May 1, 1936 (49 Stat. 1250, as amended, 25 U.S.C. 461, et. seq., hereinafter called "the I.R.A.").

ARTICLE ONE

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "Huslia I.R.A. Council".

ARTICLE TWO

DURATION

The period of duration of this organization shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE THREE

DEFINITION OF TERRITORY

The exterior boundaries of Huslia I.R.A. Council shall be defined by the Ordinance of Government adopted in accordance with this Constitution.

ARTICLE FOUR

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Basic Membership Roll. The basic membership roll of this organization shall consist of all persons whose names appear on a list of individuals submitted to the Secretary of the Interior by the traditional village council in connection with its call for an election pursuant to the I.R.A. Any person whose name does not appear on this list may make application for enrollment to the Huslia I.R.A. Council. Application for enrollment of minors shall be made by the parent or legal guardian.

Section 2. Qualifications for Membership. Any person enrolled on the basic membership roll shall be a member of this organization provided he or she meets either of the following qualifications:

(a) A person shall be of at least one quarter (¼) Alaskan Native descent; and

i) born or raised in the community of Huslia, Alaska, or

ii) have established a permanent domicile for a period of at least one (1) year or more; or

b) a person recognized as a member by the Huslia I.R.A. Council.

Section 3. Voting Rights. Each member over 18 years of age shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.

ARTICLE FIVE
GOVERNING BODY

Section 1. Name. The governing body of this organization shall be called the Huslia I.R.A. Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council).

Section 2. Composition. The governing body of this organization shall consist of seven (7) members of the organization who shall be elected by majority vote at a meeting of the membership, where a quorum has been established. The qualifications, tenure in office, the time and place of meetings, and the methods of electing the governing body shall be as set out in the Ordinance of Government of this organization.

Section 3. Officers. The officers of this governing body shall be a First Chief, Second Chief, Secretary/Treasurer and four (4) Council Members who shall perform such duties as are set out in the Ordinance of Government of this organization.

ARTICLE SIX
POWERS AND PURPOSES

Section 1. Purposes. The purposes for which this organization is established are as follows:

(a) to promote the physical, economic and social well-being of the Alaskan Native people of Huslia;

(b) to preserve and promote pride in the cultural heritage, traditions, customs, folklore and art of the Alaskan Native people of Huslia;

(c) to promote the establishment and operation of governmental and tribal organizations within the community of Huslia which effectively represent the best interests of the people of the community of Huslia; and

(d) to promote the establishment and operation of regional, state and national organizations which effectively represent the interests of the the Alaskan Native people of Huslia.

Section 2. Powers. This organization shall have all of the powers of an Indian tribe, those additional powers provided in the I.R.A., and as may be provided in the future by Act of Congress, by the Secretary of the Interior or by any other duly authorized officers of the government of the United States or the State of Alaska, including the power to:

(a) define the conditions of tribal membership;

(b) regulate domestic relations between members and others subject to the jurisdiction of this village government;

(c) prescribe rules of inheritance;

(d) regulate property within the jurisdiction of the villages, including sale of member's shares in village corporations and property held in trust by the United States for members on account of their status as Indians;

(e) control the conduct of members by municipal legislation;

(f) administer justice through enforcement of misdemeanors and village ordinances, PROVIDED that the Council shall not exercise or delegate the exercise of a judicial function over any criminal offense which would be a felony under Alaska State law at the time of such act;

(g) negotiate with and receive and allocate funds from any federal, state, local or private organization for the common good of its members;

(h) employ legal counsel subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior as provided in Section 16 of the I.R.A.

(i) exercise all powers which it has had in the past as the governing body of an Indian tribe;

(j) to levy dues, fees and assessments for community purposes on residents of the community and provide for their collection and enforcement through its ordinances, for the good of the community;

(k) subject to specific contrary federal statutes, acquire, hold, sell, lease, convey in trust to the United States or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property, either in a trust or fee status;

(l) provide for municipal and public activities on land within the boundaries of the Huslia I.R.A. Council;

(m) prescribe general ordinances for civil government, law and order for Indian Country within the boundaries of the Huslia I.R.A. Council;

(n) prevent the sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of tribal lands, or other tribal assets, without the consent of the village; and

(o) advise the Secretary of the Interior of its estimate of budget needs so that the Secretary may be cognizant of the estimate before he submits his budget to Congress.

Section 3. Role of Other Governments. The exercise of powers under this Constitution shall reflect the self-determination of the Native people of Huslia, Alaska. Village discretion in the exercise of such powers shall not be encumbered by discretionary acts of any agency of the United States or the State of Alaska, except where specific Federal statute expressly invests such agency with supervisory authority over

village matters. Where such statutes exist, they shall be narrowly construed to allow the village to retain the maximum degree of autonomy and discretion allowable.

Section 4. Secretary's Approval Powers. The Secretary of the Interior shall not approve the transfer of Council trust property, whether real, personal, or mixed, without the consent of the Council and the affirmative majority vote of the voting members of the village.

ARTICLE SEVEN
AMENDMENTS AND ORDINANCE GOVERNMENT

Section 1. Amendments. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a majority vote of the council, and shall become effective when approved by the Secretary of the Interior and ratified by the qualified voters of the community in the same manner as with this constitution.

Section 2. ORDINANCE. Upon adoption of this constitution, the currently existing traditional council shall hold a village meeting and any other subsequent meeting it deems necessary for the drafting of an Ordinance of Government within a reasonable time, the traditional council shall adopt such ordinance by majority vote of such Council. Thereafter, the Council will amend its ordinance of government in a similar manner.

ARTICLE EIGHT
ADOPTION

This constitution shall be in effect when it is ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the community voting at an election called for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior or his designated representative; provided, at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote.